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SUBJECT: MOOREMACK LINES REQUEST FOR USG ASSISTANCE

REF: A. STATE 249413; B. PRETORIA 4672

1. AS PER REFTTEL A AND IN ACCORDANCE EMBASSY INSTRUCTIONS
CONGEN OFFICER CONTACTED PORT MANAGER PORT ELIZABETH INTERCEDE
BEHALF MOOREMACKLAKE. PORT MANAGER AFTER CHECKING WITH SAR
AND H LOCAL SYSTEMS MANAGER AND GENERAL MANAGER SAR AND H
JOHANNESBURG AND OBTAINING THEIR PERMISSION AGREED PERMIT MOOREMACKLA
KE
OFFLOAD 21 CONTAINERS AT PE WITH PORT'S EQUIPMENT. EXCEPTION
GRANTED ON EMERGENCY BASIS AND ONE TIME ONLY BASIS.

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2. MOOREMACK LOCAL REP CAPT. WELLS NOW ADVISES HOWEVER THAT MOOREMACKLAKE DEPARTED PE DEC. 21 AND NOW BERTHED EAST LONDON. SHIP NOT PLANNING RETURN PE BUT RATHER SAILING FROM EL TO DURBAN EVENING DEC 24TH WHERE LONG DELAY EXPECTED BERTHING, THEN TO MOZAMBIQUE JANUARY 5 AND RETURN US DIRECT. CAPT WELLS HAS DIRECTED SHIP ATTEMPT OFFLOAD 21 CONTAINERS ORIGINALLY CONSIGNED PE AT DURBAN BUT THIS BRINGS TOTAL CONTAINERS FOR DURBAN OFFLOAD TO 53 (THREE MORE THAN CURRENT PORT REGULATIONS PERMIT OFF ONE SHIP). CAPT WELLS NOW REQUESTING CONGEN INTERCEDE WITH LOCAL PORT AUTHORITIES OBTAIN SPECIAL PERMISSION OFFLOAD EXCESS CONTAINERS. MOOREMACK HAS ORDERED REPLACEMENT PARTS SHIP'S BOOM PERMIT SHIP HANDLE OWN OFFLOADING DURBAN.

3. BEFORE CONGEN APPROACHES LOCAL AUTHORITIES WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING MOOREMACK'S N.Y. FIRM INTENTION THIS REGARD IN ORDER ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY EMBARRASSMENT. PE AUTHORITIES WERE RELUCTANT GRANT WAIVER AND DID S ONLY AT CONGEN'S BEHEST NOW PUTTING CONGEN AWKWARD SITUATION. RECOMMEND N.Y. OFFICE INSTRUCT VESSEL RETURN PE FROM EAST LONDON TO UNLOAD SUBJECT CONTAINERS.

4. FYI: CONTAINERS ALLEGEDLY CONTAIN CONSIGNMENT AUTOMOTIVE PARTS NEEDED FORD AND GENERAL MOTORS AND DELIVERY DURBAN WILL DELAY THEIR ARRIVAL PE CONSIDERABLY.
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